

(d) whether Government are aware of the deplorable conditions of District Board and Village Communication Roads in Coorg for want of repairs since 1957?

A.—Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Minister for Law, Labour and Local Self-Government).—

(a) No; but land cess is being collected and the amounts collected and the demand for 1959-60 are as follows:—

1957-58.	1958-59
Rs. 1,09,536.80	Rs. 1,10,271.04

1959-60
Rs. 1,12,464.65 (Demand)

(b) Year. Amount allotted.

	Rs.
1957-58	30,000
1958-59	83,000
1959-60	1,85,000

(c) The amounts spent 1957-58 and 1958-59 are given below. The figures for 1959-60 are not yet available.

1957-58	28,630
1958-59	36,684

(d) Government do not agree that the conditions of these roads are deplorable. They are capable of improvement.

Release of Land from Date Groves in Pavagada Taluk for cultivation.

*Q.—219. Sri P. ANJANAPPA (Sira).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

— whether they propose to release lands for cultivation from date groves in the following villages of Pavagada Taluk:—

	S. Nos.
(1) Bugadur village	164,165,162
(2) Veerlagondi village	28,33
(3) Pavagada village	312
(4) Naliganahalli village	81,82

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

S. Nos. 164, 165 and 162 of Bugadur village are not included in the date reserve list and S. Nos. 164 & 165 are being disposed of for cultivation.

Action is being taken for the release of S. Nos. 28 and 33 of Veerlagondi and S. No. 312 of Pavagada.

S. Nos. 81 and 82 of Naliganahalli cannot be released as they are assigned for Palmgru Industry.

Measures taken to check the rise in the prices of Foodgrains.

*Q.—411. Sri K. P. GADAG (Gadag).—
Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware of the abnormal rise in the prices of foodgrains, namely, jowar, ragi, wheat and rice during the current year;

(b) whether they will furnish details of prices of jowar, wheat, ragi and rice prevailing now, in different Districts in the State, with a comparative statement of the prices of the said foodgrains during 1957 and 1958;

(c) what measures Government have taken to arrest the rise in the prices of foodgrains and to make them available to the people at fair and reasonable prices?

A.—Sri K. F. PATIL (Minister for Forest and Transport).—

(a) Yes. The price levels of foodgrains which were constant have shown a rise from June 1958 onwards.

(b) Comparative statements showing monthwise prices of rice, ragi and jowar in different districts for the period from January 1957 to November 1959 are placed on the table of the House. Imported wheat is sold through authorised dealers at Re. 0-6-9 or 0-42 nP. per seer. (Mysore Measure).

(c) Movement of prices in Mysore State follows the all-India pattern and price control itself has to be tackled on an all-India basis. Unilateral action by this Government cannot yield any